AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. - 32.   (Canceled)

33.   (New) An information handling system (IHS) comprising:

a processor;

memory coupled with the processor;

a display device coupled with the processor;

a keyboard coupled with the processor;

a basic input/output system (BIOS) coupled with the memory and the processor to operate in connection with devices other than an I/O controller, wherein the BIOS includes a power-on self-test (POST) procedure, wherein the POST procedure determines whether there is a problem with one or more components coupled with the IHS and alerts users to existing problems, and wherein the POST procedure terminates a BIOS procedure if the POST procedure determines that a problem with one or more components is a critical problem; and

a security system to limit entry to a function of the BIOS during the POST procedure, the security system comprising one or more sub systems to:

enter a non-responsive mode where only one keyboard input from a plurality of possible keyboard inputs is recognized by the processor and wherein inputs from devices other than a keyboard are ignored; and

wherein the one keyboard input from a plurality of possible keyboard inputs initiates a time delay for a password to enter a system setup.

34.   (New)   The IHS of claim 33, wherein the memory and the processor to operate in connection with a small computer system interface (SCSI) card.

35.   (New) The IHS of claim 33, wherein the devices other than a keyboard that are ignored include devices coupled via telephone circuits, intranets, local area networks and the Internet.

36.   (New)   The IHS of claim 33, wherein the security system prevents entry by an unauthorized user into an option read only memory (OPROM utility for an small computer system interface (SCSI) controller.

37.   (New)   The IHS of claim 33, wherein the security system prevents entry by an unauthorized user into a redundant array of inexpensive disks (RAID) controller.

38.   (New)   The IHS of claim 33, wherein the security system prevents entry by an unauthorized user into a network interface controller (NIC) controller.

39.   (New)   The IHS of claim 33, wherein the security system prevents entry by an unauthorized user into a virtual controller.

40.   (New) The IHS of claim 33, wherein the security system prevents an unauthorized user from performing utility partition booting.